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Mr. Joseph M. Tracy
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Dear Mr. Tracy:

I am one of the stock holders in the Gay Ditch here in Spring Glen, Carbon County, Utah. There are four other holders and they have delegated me to act in their behalf in a situation which I will present to you.

Joe Kochevar, who until recently has owned about 10 acres of land along the ditch now has made sale of his property to a family and/or families by the name of Sacco and they have informed me and the other four holders that they have the right to the ditch, to lease water and use it through our ditch.

We do not want to let him use our ditch nor do we want to sell them a right at any price.

Joe Kochevar has in the past leased water and farmed this ground but has used our ditch which he has no stock or right in and has done do merely by cleaning his share of the ditch but he has failed to do his part of the work in this connection and I have been the backbone in keeping the work done and keeping the ditch in shape. I am one of two on the tail-end of the ditch and this so-named ground is above us on the ditch. We are having a great deal of trouble with him. The Sacco's inform us that they have the right to the ditch, that they leased water but not enough. The courthouse records show no ditch rights or no water rights. They are making it very miserable for us and have said that they are going to make it cost me plenty; have even threatened me. The other four holders are standing strong and supporting me. We have spent years making the ditch what it is today.

Will you please advise me me immediately what to do in this connection?

I went to an attorney and he told me what the law was but you know what that is.

Please communicate with me at the very earliest date?

Sincerely,

H. Z. Bacon

